IN ALL WAYS BUT ONE, THE PHANTOM IS NOT LIKE ORDINARY MEN.
HE IS 400 YEARS OLD--HE CANNOT DIE--

HE HAS THE STRENGTH OF TEN TIGERS--WISDOM OF THE AGES--
WHAT WAY HE IS LIKE OTHER MEN--?

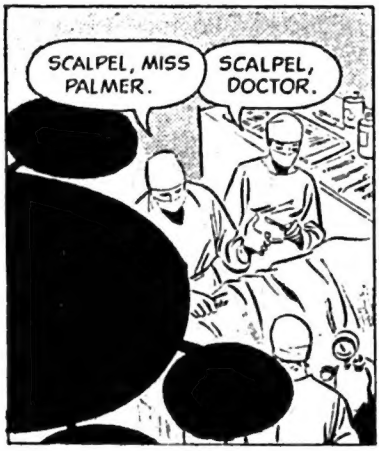
THEY SAY HE LOVES A LADY FAR AWAY BEYOND THE GREAT WATERS--
TALK & BARRY 2-12

"THE LADY FAR AWAY"--DIANA PALMER.

DIANA PALMER--OLYMPIC DIVER--
--EXPLORER--PILOT--

NOW--DIANA PALMER--NURSE--

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND DIANA'S DOING IT--SUCH DIFFICULT WORK--
NURSING'S A NOBLE PROFESSION--AND SHE LIKES IT, LILY.

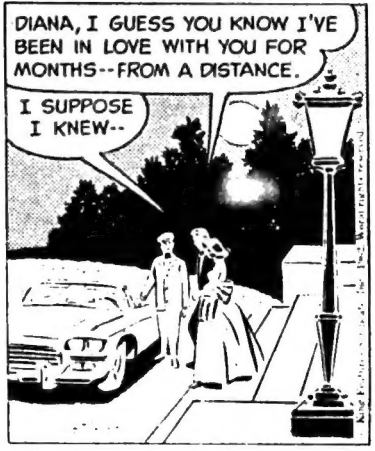

SCALPEL, MISS PALMER.
SCALPEL, DOCTOR.

SUTURES, MISS PALMER.
SUTURES, DOCTOR.
TALK & BARRY

THAT WAS WONDERFUL, DR. KIRK.
YOU WERE PRETTY WONDERFUL YOURSELF. YOU AMAZE ME, MISS PALMER.

WHY?
MAY I TELL YOU AT DINNER TONIGHT?
2-14
TOMORROW: OH, DOCTOR

A GIRL LIKE YOU--FAMOUS EXPLORER, DIVER FLYER--
I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING USEFUL.


DIANA, I GUESS YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU FOR MONTHS--FROM A DISTANCE.
I SUPPOSE I KNEW--

IS THERE ANY CHANCE FOR ME?
YOU'RE A FINE MAN, DR. KIRK--BUT--I'M SORRY--NO--

IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE?
YES.
!

DIANA, DOES THAT NICE DR. KIRK WANT TO MARRY YOU?
YES, MAMA. HE ASKED ME--I SAID NO.

NATURALLY! YOU TOLD HIM YOU LOVED A MASKED JUNGLE MAN YOU HARDLY EVER SEE!
--YOU CAN'T GO ON WASTING YOUR LIFE--

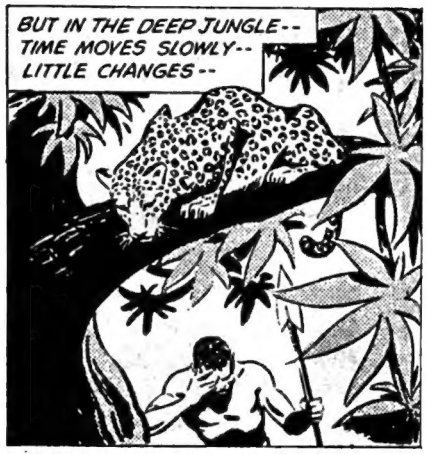
I'M NOT WASTING MY LIFE. I'M A NURSE. BESIDES--SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN--

SOMETHING MUST HAPPEN--!
FALK & BARRY
TOMORROW: SOMETHING DOES

AT THE JUNGLE'S EDGE, NEW NATIONS ARE BEING CREATED--

TENNIS BALLS BOUNCE WHERE ZEBRAS GRAZED--
FALK & BARRY

COCKTAILS CLINK WHERE LIONS ROARED--


BUT IN THE DEEP JUNGLE--TIME MOVES SLOWLY--LITTLE CHANGES--

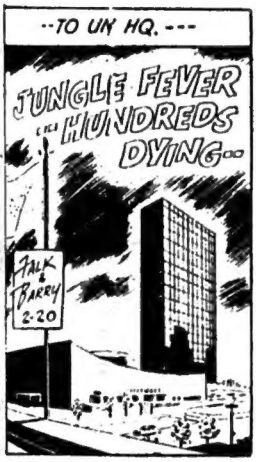
IN DEEP JUNGLE--

YAH-YAH-YAH! YAH--
FALK & BARRY 2-19

UNTOUCHED BY THE LEOPARD--
HE IS SICK--
SICK LIKE THE OTHERS--

PLAGUE!
PLAGU

IN DEEP JUNGLE VILLAGES-- A MYSTERIOUS AND DEADLY ILLNESS SPREADS --
THE NEWS SPREADS FAST--
PLAGUE IN JUNGLE-- HUNDREDS DYING--
PLAGUE!


--TO UN HQ. ---
JUNGLE FEVER CAUSES HUNDREDS DYING--
FALK & BARRY 2-20

EXTRA! UN SENDING MEDICAL TEAM TO COMBAT JUNGLE EPIDEMIC--
SUBWAY
BENGALI--!
GLOW

KIRK, YOU'RE GOING ON THAT UN MEDICAL TEAM?
YES. TROPICAL DISEASES ARE MY SPECIALTY--
LIVER
HAM SPECIAL
SOUP

I WANT TO GO--
IMPOSSIBLE. WE'RE TAKING NO WOMEN. IT'S DEEP JUNGLE-- DANGEROUS!

YOU'LL NEED A NURSE! I'VE BEEN THERE! I KNOW THAT JUNGLE INTIMATELY!
ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE, DIANA.

LATER--
OKAY-- IT'S ARRANGED. YOU'LL GO. HMM – WHEN A WOMAN MAKES UP HER MIND--
OH-- THANKS, KIRK!

NOT A BAD IDEA AFTER ALL -- DIANA COMING WITH US. WE'LL NEED A NURSE -- SHE'S EXCELLENT--

A FEW MONTHS TOGETHER IN THE JUNGLE -- SHE MIGHT CHANGE HER MIND ABOUT MARRYING ME--!

I'LL SEE HIM -- AT LAST!
FALK & BARRY 2-22

GOING TO THE JUNGLE FOR THE UN -- OR DOES IT INVOLVE A CERTAIN MASKED PARTY--?
UNCLE DAVE -- WHAT AN IDEA!

MR. WALKER,* P.O. BOX 7 -- DARLING --
-- A CABLE OVERSEAS TO MORRISTOWN, BENGALI--
*MR. WALKER -- FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS--

--ARRIVE WITH UN MEDICAL TEAM FEB. 24. PLEASE MEET PLANE--
FALK & BARRY 2-23

THE MESSAGE IS RECEIVED -- PLACED IN THE BOX -- WHERE IT REMAINS--
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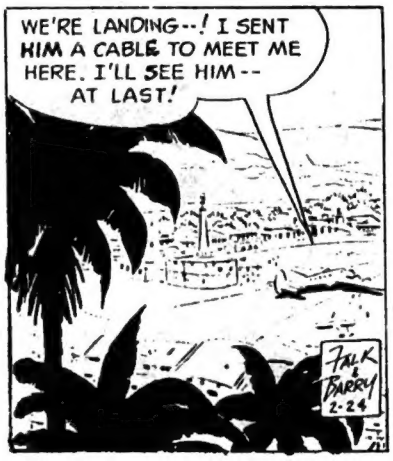
AS THE UN MEDICAL TEAM FLIES OVER THE OCEAN--

WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US IN THE JUNGLE, DIANA.
I KNOW, KIRK. I CAN HARDLY WAIT.

--THE PHANTOM IS BUSY AT THE TIME IN FAR-OFF MUCAR--


WE'RE LANDING--! I SENT HIM A CABLE TO MEET ME HERE. I'LL SEE HIM -- AT LAST!
FALK & BARRY 2-24

HE'S NOT -- HERE --
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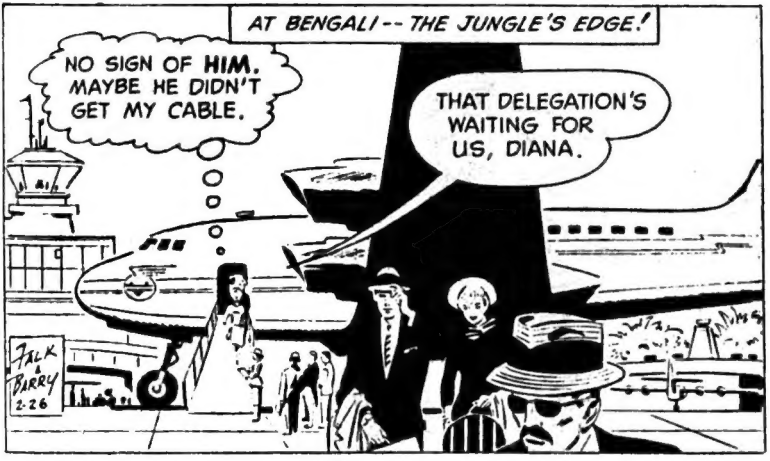
AT BENGALI -- THE JUNGLE'S EDGE!
NO SIGN OF HIM. MAYBE HE DIDN'T GET MY CABLE.
THAT DELEGATION'S WAITING FOR US, DIANA.
FALK & BARRY 2-26

ANY MESSAGE IN BOX 7 FOR MR. WALKER?
YEAH -- SOMETHING THERE -- A CABLEGRAM.

NEVER SEEN MR. WALKER. WHO IS HE?
JUST -- MR. WALKER.*
*WALKER -- FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.

BENGALI WELCOMES THE UN MEDICAL TEAM SENT ACROSS THE OCEAN TO COMBAT OUR JUNGLE PLAGUE --

THIS IS OUR OWN DR. LUAGA WHO'LL JOIN YOUR TEAM, DR. KIRK.
WONDERFUL! WE'LL NEED YOU!

OUR NURSE -- MISS PALMER. DIANA -- ?
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK -- EXCUSE ME --

HE'S NOT HERE! MAYBE MY CABLE HASN'T ARRIVED --!
BENGALI AIRPORT
WAITING ROOM

MAY I PLEASE STOP AT THE POST OFFICE A MOMENT?
OF COURSE.

I SENT A CABLE TO MR. WALKER, BOX 7, TWO DAYS AGO --
NOT HERE. IT WAS PICKED UP -- I REMEMBER --
POST

ANYTHING THE MATTER, DIANA?
NO.
HE GOT THE CABLE -- HE STILL -- DIDN'T COME -- TO MEET ME --

MEANWHILE -- THE CABLE --

JUNGLE PATROL H.Q.
YOUR SAFARI IS READY. COL. WEEKS OF THE JUNGLE PATROL WILL BRIEF YOU.
COL. WEEKS? I'M DR. KIRK. THIS IS NURSE PALMER, DOCTORS LUAGA, HOFF, GIGLI, AND STEIN.
SHALL WE GO INSIDE?

--THE EPIDEMIC'S HEAVIEST HERE-- DEEP JUNGLE-- BEYOND OUR JURISDICTION--
--IN FACT--NO LAW--EXCEPT TRIBAL LAW-- NOT SAFE FOR STRANGERS--
TALK & BARRY 3-1

--AND IMPOSSIBLE FOR A WOMAN LIKE YOU, MISS PALMER. WE CAN'T LET YOU GO.
NONSENSE! I'M HERE! I'M GOING!

WE CAN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SENDING A WOMAN INTO DEEP JUNGLE, MISS PALMER.
CAN WE GO TO YOUR SHOOTING RANGE, COLONEL?

!

TALK & BARRY 3-2

WELL?
YOU SHOOT BETTER THAN I DO. PERMISSION GRANTED.
LOVE THAT GIRL!

THE PATROL WILL GET YOU INTO THE JUNGLE, DR. KIRK.
WE'RE SENDING A FEW SOLDIERS TO ESCORT YOU SAFELY.

STILL--NO SIGN OF HIM-- HE WOULD HAVE-- FOUND ME BY NOW--

GOOD LUCK! THEY'LL NEED IT--
YES--ONCE THERE-- THEY'RE ON THEIR OWN--

MEANWHILE, FAR AWAY-- UNAWARE THAT DIANA'S ON THE SAME CONTINENT.

AS THE U.N. MEDICAL TEAM DRIVES INTO DEEP JUNGLE--

--WHERE A DEADLY EPIDEMIC RAGES--
TALK & BARRY 3-5

THE EV'L SPIRIT TOOK HIM--
UHH--MAYBE WE NEED--DIFFERENT MEDICINE.

YOU QUESTION MY MAGIC?
UH--OF COURSE NOT --WHAT AN IDEA--!

NIGHT IN THE JUNGLE--
TWO MORE DAYS' DRIVE--AND WE'LL REACH OUR FIRST VILLAGE.

WHO IS HE, DR. LUAGA?
A JUNGLE DRUMMER. I'M SENDING WORD AHEAD ABOUT US--

--TO LET THE JUNGLEFOLK KNOW OUR MISSION. OTHERWISE, THEY MIGHT SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS.

LOVELY LADY, NURSE PALMER. YOUR SWEETHEART, DR. KIRK?
NO. WISH SHE WERE, DR. LUAGA. MAYBE --IN TIME--

I KEEP EXPECTING HIM TO APPEAR--FROM BEHIND EVERY TREE--

OH--I'M BEING SELFISH--AND STUPID. I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M NEEDED AS A NURSE--NOT AS A--TOURIST!

I'M GOING TO TAKE A DIP IN THAT POOL. SEE YOU LATER, DOCTORS.

I WONDER ABOUT BRINGING A GIRL LIKE THAT TO THIS JUNGLE-- THERE ARE DANGERS AHEAD--
I KNOW--

FALK & BARRY
3-8

AS THE GREAT CAT STARTS TO LEAP, DIANA DISTRACTS HIM WITH A SPLASH--

--GRABS FOR HER PISTOL-- AND FIRES--

GUNSHOT!
IT CAME FROM THE POOL! DIANA!

I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T LET HER COME HERE-- DIANA--

THE CAT-- WANTED TO HAVE ME FOR BREAKFAST— AND (GULP) ALMOST DID!
!
!

YOU SHOT THIS GREAT CAT? WHY DIDN'T YOU STAY IN THE POOL? IT WOULDN'T GO IN.
I COULDN'T BE SURE OF THAT.
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL FOR HELP, DIANA?

THERE WASN'T TIME ENOUGH FOR THAT. NOW VAMOOSE, DOCTORS, SO I CAN DRESS.

WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT BRINGING HER HERE, KIRK.
OBVIOUSLY SHE CAN TAKE CARE OF HERSELF!

TOM-TOM AFTER TOM-TOM REPEATS THE MESSAGE --
DOCTORMEN FROM OUTSIDE COMING TO STOP PLAGUE--

--THROUGHOUT THE JUNGLE--
--DOCTORMEN FROM OUTSIDE COMING--TO STOP PLAGUE.
!
FALK & BARRY 3-13

--EVEN TO THE DEEP WOODS.
?

AFTER A LONG JOURNEY, THE PHANTOM REACHES THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE DREADED DEEP WOODS.

WELCOME HOME, O GHOST WHO WALKS!
THANK YOU, GURAN. WHAT'S THIS NEWS OF FOREIGN DOCTORS?

FROM ACROSS THE SEA--TO STOP THE PLAGUE.
OH--THE U.N. TEAM. GOOD. I MIGHT LOOK IN ON THEM.

OTHERS ARE LESS HOSPITABLE!
THOSE FOREIGN DEVILS WILL NOT COME HERE!

OUR FIRST STOP, DIANA. THE WAMBESI.
WILL THEY BE FRIENDLY?
KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED.

THE DOCTORS FROM FAR AWAY ARE AT THE GATES TO HELP US, FATHER.
!

WE DO NOT NEED THE FOREIGN DEVILS! SEND THEM AWAY!
WE HAVE MUCH PLAGUE. MAYBE -- THEY CAN HELP US--

I AM WITCHMAN OF WAMBESI! YOU DARE DEFY ME--AND THE POWERS OF DARKNESS?
NO (GULP) --BUT--

WHAT'S THE DELAY?
ARGUMENT INSIDE.
ABOUT US.

SEND THOSE FOREIGN DEVILS AWAY. I, WITCHMAN OF WAMBESI, COMMAND!
BUT-- BUT--
HMM--

FATHER, YOU ARE KING! WE NEED THESE DOCTORMEN. STAND UP TO HIM!
I (GULP) WILL! LET THEM IN!
YOU DARE-- DEFY-- ME?
TALK & BARRY 3-16

THE U.N. MEDICAL TEAM ENTERS WAMBESI VILLAGE--

I AM DR. LUAGA. WE BRING DOCTORS FROM FAR AWAY TO HELP STOP THE SICKNESS HERE.
WELCOME-- WELCOME!

SO FAR SO GOOD. I WAS AFRAID WE'D HAVE TROUBLE.
THEY SEEM FRIENDLY.

WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE-- BUT BEWARE THE WITCHMAN!
?

THAT YOUNG MAN--HE SAID --BEWARE THE WITCHMAN.
THE KING'S SON. YES, WE'RE COMPETITION TO THEIR WITCHMAN.
HE THINKS THE PLAGUE'S AN EVIL SPIRIT--IN HIS DEPARTMENT!

BUT THE REST SEEM FRIENDLY TO US. FORGET ABOUT THE WITCHMAN. WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

FOREIGN DEVILS! YOU WILL SEE!

AS THE U.N. MEDICAL TEAM GOES TO WORK--

THIS WILL HURT --A LITTLE.
I AM A WARRIOR. I WHO FACE TIGERS DO NOT FEAR A LITTLE NEEDLE!

GO AWAY. THOSE FOREIGN DEVILS WILL KILL YOU!
THEY HELP US, WITCHMAN!

TAKE YOUR CHILD AWAY!
FOREIGN THEY ARE, DEVILS THEY ARE NOT. GO AWAY, WITCHMAN!

I THINK WE'LL LICK THIS THING, BUT THERE'S LOTS OF WORK AHEAD, DIANA.

THANK YOU, GREAT MOOGOO, FOR SENDING US THE DOCTORMEN FROM FAR AWAY.
!
FALK & BARRY 3-21

MOOGOO IS OUR GOD! THE FOREIGNERS ARE DEVILS! YOU WILL SEE!
OH, NO! MOOGOO SENT THEM TO HELP US!

I MUST STOP THEM-- OR THEY WILL RUIN ME!

BUT THAT NIGHT, ATOP BALI PEAK--
FOREIGN DEVILS WILL RUIN US--
MY TRIBE, LLONGO, ASKS THEM TO COME--
MINE, TOO! WAMBESI --YOU MUST DO SOMETHING!
I WILL FIND A WAY!
TALK & BARRY 3-22

THE PEOPLE LOSE FEAR OF US--I MUST FIND A WAY TO STOP THOSE FOREIGN DEVILS--!

THANK YOU, GREAT MOOGOO--
HMM--

HMMM--

YES--THAT IS THE WAY!
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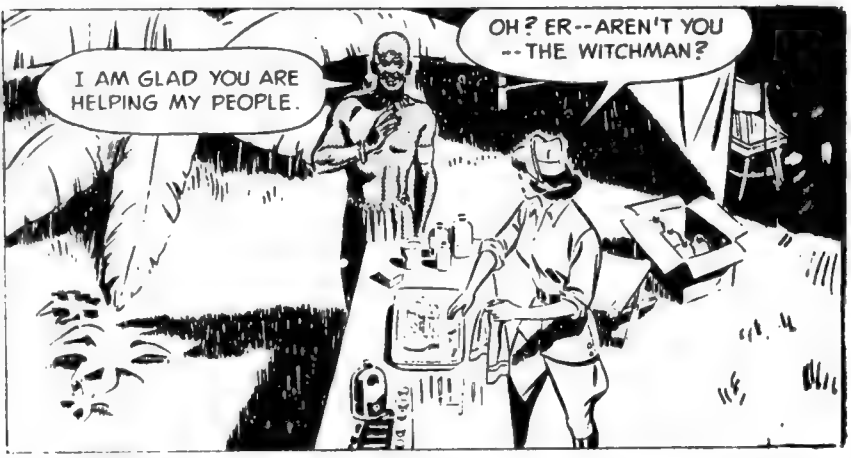
I AM GLAD YOU ARE HELPING MY PEOPLE.
OH? ER--AREN'T YOU --THE WITCHMAN?

I AM. AS WAS MY FATHER AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM.
I-ER-THOUGHT YOU-RESENTED US.

OH, NO! ANYTHING THAT HELPS MY PEOPLE PLEASES ME.
WHY--THAT'S FINE!
CAREFUL, DIANA...

GURAN, WHAT'S THE WORD ON THE FOREIGN DOCTORS AT WAMBESI?
EXCELLENT. THEY ARE DEFEATING THE PLAGUE.

OTHER TRIBES ARE ASKING THEM TO COME.
GOOD. I WAS AFRAID THE WITCHMEN WOULD MAKE TROUBLE.

BACILL -- ER-- BUGS -- INVADE THE BLOOD -- WE KILL THEM -- YOU SEE?
I SEE.
BUGS -- SHE MEANS -- EVIL SPIRITS -- WHO CANNOT BE KILLED!
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TALK & BARRY 3-26

THANK YOU, KIND LADY. I WOULD MUCH LIKE TO SHOW YOU OUR HUMBLE VILLAGE.
I WILL BE HONORED.

OUR FLOCKS -- OUR FIELDS --
YOUR PEOPLE HAVE DONE EXTREMELY WELL! I'M GLAD THAT WE CAN HELP THEM!

SEE -- THAT WITCHMAN'S NOT BAD. HE'S OUR FRIEND.
HMM -- AMAZING.
I'LL BE DARNED!
TOMORROW: FRIENDS

SURPRISING! I THOUGHT THAT WITCHMAN WOULD FIGHT US!
A PRETTY GIRL'S A GOOD AMBASSADOR!

BUT THAT NIGHT -- A CONCLAVE OF WITCHMEN -- ON BALD PEAK!
ALL GOES WELL, BROTHER WITCHMEN. SHE BELIEVES ME FRIENDLY. SHE TRUSTS ME.
WORK FASTER. THE FOREIGN DEVILS MUST BE DESTROYED.
-- BEFORE THEY DESTROY US!

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO DESTROY THE FOREIGN DEVILS THROUGH THE GIRL, WAMBESI BROTHER?
YOU WILL SEE!

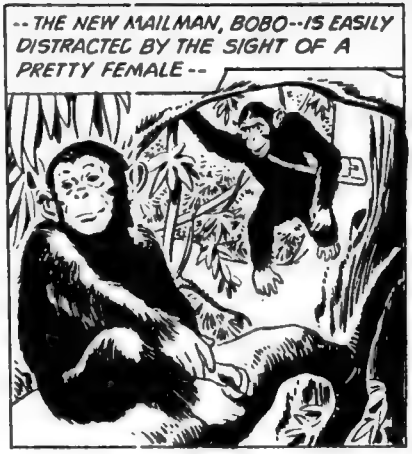
MEANWHILE -- DIANA --
HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN MY MESSAGE. WHY DOESN'T HE COME? OR DOESN'T HE CARE -- ?

-- A JUNGLE RELAY HAS CARRIED HER MESSAGE DEEP INTO THE JUNGLE --

-- TO THE EDGE OF THE DEEP WOODS AND THE MONKEY MAIL!
MESSAGE FOR GHOST WHO WALKS -- !
TALK & BARRY 3-28

A NEW MAILMAN FOR DEEP WOODS?
YES. BOBO. POOR KOKO WAS CAUGHT BY A LEOPARD.

DIANA'S MESSAGE SWINGS THRU THE TREES --
ARRIVE WITH UN. MEDICAL TEAM FEB 24 -- PLEASE MEET PLANE --


-- THE NEW MAILMAN, BOBO -- IS EASILY DISTRACTED BY THE SIGHT OF A PRETTY FEMALE --

-- HE TAKES OFF!

WHAT'S THE WORD OF THE DOCTORMEN AT WAMBESI?
ALL GOES WELL, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

GOOD. THEN IT'S NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO GO THERE AND HELP THEM.

NO WORD FROM DIANA -- IN MONTHS. I WONDER -- IF SHE EVER -- THINKS OF US, DEVIL --

DIANA'S MESSAGE TO THE PHANTOM IS DELAYED -- AS BOBO THE MAIL MAN FALLS IN LOVE -- AT FIRST SIGHT!

BROTHER, EACH DAY -- OF OUR PEOPLE --
YOU WAIT TOO LONG, WAMBESI WE LOSE HOLD
PATIENCE -- TOMORROW IS THE DAY --

MORE PRACTICE WITH BOW AND ARROW TOMORROW, MISS DIANA?
OH, YES, THANK YOU!

YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT BRINGING DIANA TO THE JUNGLE, LUAGA!
THE WITCHMAN'S TEACHING ME TO SHOOT.
HE COULD HAVE MADE OUR MISSION IMPOSSIBLE. THANKS TO YOU, MISS AMBASSADOR -- NO TROUBLE.
O FOOLS -- WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW --

HOW'S THAT?
EXCELLENT!

THE TARGET--!
THANK THEE, MIGHTY MOOGOO--FOR SENDING THE FOREIGN DOCTORMEN TO HELP US.
TALK & BARRY 4-2

NOW FOR A LONGER SHOT. SEE IF YOU CAN HIT THAT TARGET OVER THERE--

SHOOT AT THAT? IT'S PRETTY FAR. WHAT IS IT?
OLD TARGET--NOT TOO FAR. TRY--

WAIT UNTIL I GET THERE--IF YOU MISS--WE WILL NOT LOSE THE ARROW--

!
!
!

FIND THE BLASPHEMER!
KILL!

SOMEONE--SHOT AN ARROW--INTO OUR MIGHTY BELOVED MOOGOO--!
SACRILEGE!
WHO DID THIS THING?
THE ARROW CAME FROM THERE!

DID I HIT IT? WAS IT A GOOD SHOT?
!!!

YES--BUT--WHAT HAVE I DONE--?
YOU--DID THAT?

YOUR--GOD--? BUT I DIDN'T KNOW--HE TOLD ME--
FOREIGN DEVILS--BLASPHEMERS--!
SACRILEGE! DESTROY THE DEVILS!
KILL--KILL-!
TALK & BARRY 4-5

SOUNDS LIKE A RIOT. WHAT HAPPENED?
DIANA--!

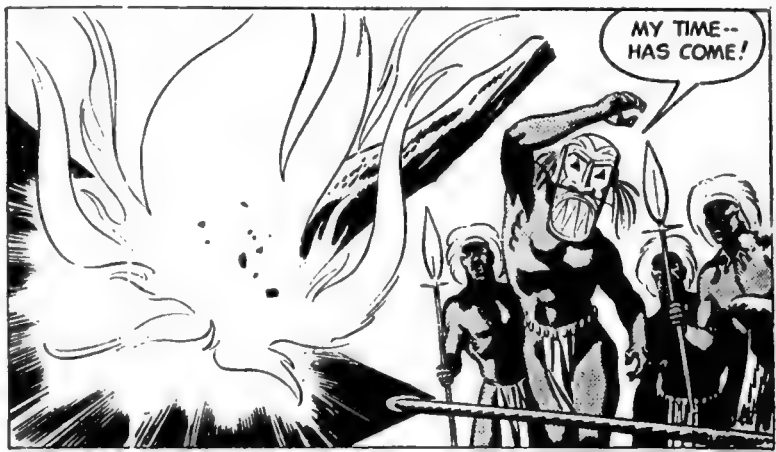
IN WAMBES' VILLAGE--
GET RIFLES. START THE CARS!
HURRY--DIANA--!

--A SUDDEN RIOT--!
I DIDN'T MEAN IT—I DIDN'T KNOW--
FOREIGN DEVIL--
KILL--

STOP--STOP-!
OUT OF THE WAY! DIANA-!
FOREIGN DEVILS—BLASPHEMERS--
KILL!

WHAT HAPPENED?
THE WITCH-MAN--TOLD ME TO SHOOT AT A TARGET--I DIDN'T KNOW--IT WAS THEIR GOD—
KILL—KILL--

GET OUR PEOPLE OUT OF THE FOREIGN DEVILS' TENTS--!


MY TIME--HAS COME!

A RIOT IN WAMBESI VILLAGE!
THEY'RE BURNING OUR HOSPITAL TENTS!
OUR SUPPLIES-!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT THEIR IDOL! TELL THEM!
TELL THE HOWLING MOB? TOO LATE!
MOVE TOWARD THE CARS!

BURN--KILL!

WHAT IS IT, MY SON?
THE LADY NURSE--SHOT AN ARROW AT MOOGOO! I THINK THE WITCHMAN PLANNED IT!

CAN YOU PROVE THAT?
I SAW, FATHER. BUT WHO WOULD BELIEVE ME? HERE THEY COME!

KILL!
HIGHNESS! STOP THEM!
NOT EVEN I CAN GO AGAINST MOOGOO.
THERE'S ONLY ONE HOPE--PHANTOM!

QUICK--INTO THE CAR!
KILL--KILL!

LIKE A NIGHTMARE! IF ONLY --HE KNEW I WAS HERE-- IF HE'D GOTTEN MY MESSAGE...

BUT DIANA'S MESSAGE TO THE PHANTOM--ABOARD THE MONKEY MAIL--IS DELAYED--

--AS THE MAIL-MAN FINDS A FRIEND!

NOT MUCH FARTHER TO THE GATES--
KILL--FOREIGN --DEVILS--!

JUMP!

DON'T TRY TO FIGHT--THEY'RE WILD! LET ME DO THE TALKING--!

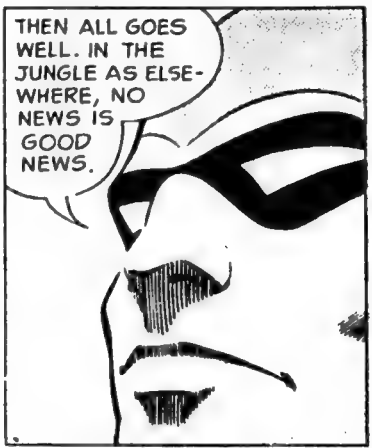
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SENDING OUT WORD OF FOREIGN DEVILS--

NO DRUMS--THE PHANTOM MUST NOT HEAR--UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE--!

FOREIGN DOCTORMEN DEVILS--YOU CAME--TO REPLACE ME! NOW--WE SEE!

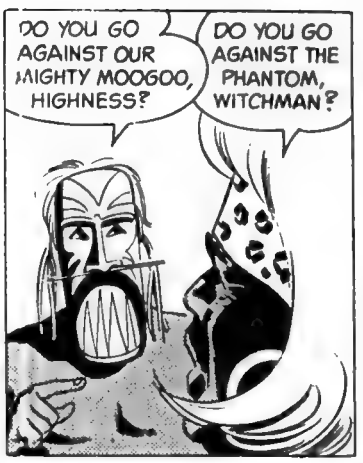
BEDLAM IN THE WAMBESI VILLAGE--!
AVENGE THE SACRILEGE! SACRIFICE TO MOOGOO!
NO--!

WHAT NEWS OF THE DOCTORMEN AT WAMBESI VILLAGE, GURAN?
NONE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.


THEN ALL GOES WELL. IN THE JUNGLE AS ELSEWHERE, NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS.

THE KING'S SON--
IF I CAN REACH THE PHANTOM IN TIME--!

SACRIFICE THE FOREIGN DEVILS TO MOOGOO! REVENGE!
WAIT! SINCE THE DAYS OF MY FATHER'S YOUTH -- WE'VE HAD NO HUMAN SACRIFICE IN WAMBESI! THAT IS PHANTOM LAW!
TALK & BARRY 4-16


DO YOU GO AGAINST OUR MIGHTY MOOGOO, HIGHNESS?
DO YOU GO AGAINST THE PHANTOM, WITCHMAN?

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING, LUAGA?
SOMETHING ABOUT A PHANTOM --
PHANTOM?!

LET OUR PEOPLE DECIDE. WHAT SAY YOU? SHALL THESE FOREIGN DEVILS DIE?

THEY TENDED OUR SICK --

THE LADY WAS KIND TO MY BABY --

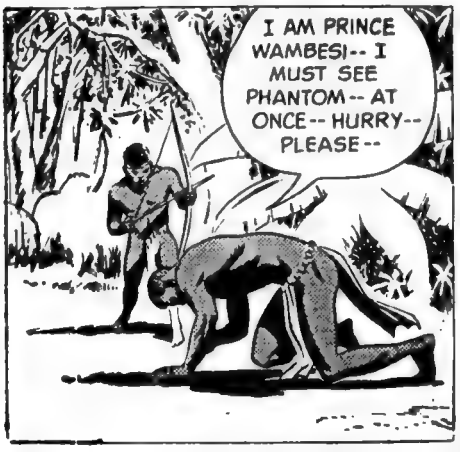
BUT FOR THEM, MY WIFE WOULD BE DEAD --

YET THIS SACRILEGE CANNOT BE IGNORED.
LET THEM BE JUDGED BY THE ANCIENT TRIAL BY FIRE.
LET MOOGOO THUS DECIDE THEIR GUILT OR INNOCENCE.

WHAT IS THEIR TRIAL BY FIRE, LUAGA?
ER -- I'M NOT -- CERTAIN --
TELL US!

I'VE GOT TO KEEP -- GOING -- CAN'T STOP --

THEN, OUT OF NOWHERE, A DREADED PYGMY BANDAR -- NOW A WELCOME SIGHT --
HALT! THIS IS THE DEEP WOODS!
AT LAST!

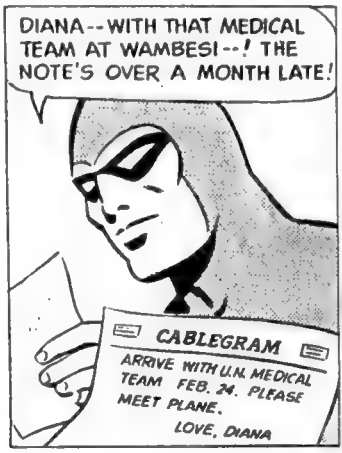

I AM PRINCE WAMBESI -- I MUST SEE PHANTOM -- AT ONCE -- HURRY -- PLEASE --

WELL--I'LL BE--!
!
BOBO!

YOU LAZY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING--! IS THAT HOW YOU REMEMBER YOUR TRAINING! GO!

HERE COMES OUR MONKEY MAIL WITH A MESSAGE FROM ACROSS THE SWAMP. WONDER WHAT IT IS!

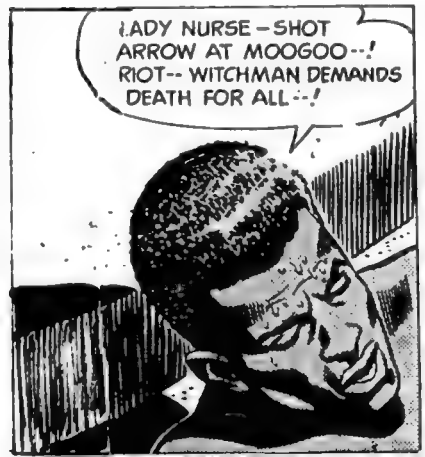
CHEEP-CHEEP --CHEE--
WHAT DID YOU BRING ME, BOBO? A CABLEGRAM--?


DIANA--WITH THAT MEDICAL TEAM AT WAMBESI--! THE NOTE'S OVER A MONTH LATE!
CABLEGRAM
ARRIVE WITH U.N. MEDICAL TEAM FEB. 24. PLEASE MEET PLANE.
LOVE, DIANA

A MESSENGER FROM THE WAMBESI!
IT IS KING'S SON! TERRIBLE NEWS OF THE DOCTORMEN AT WAMBESI!

HELP--THEM--HURRY--O GHOST WHO WALKS!
?!

GULP--GULP--UH--
EXHAUSTED--NOW--TAKE YOUR TIME--EASY--TELL ME--WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE DOCTORMEN AT WAMBESI?


LADY NURSE--SHOT ARROW AT MOOGOO--! RIOT--WITCHMAN DEMANDS DEATH FOR ALL--!

THE LADY NURSE--DIANA?!
--MEET MY PLANE
LOVE, DIANA
CONT'D

DOCTORMEN AND LADY NURSE CAME TO STOP THE PLAGUE. THEY DID WELL. BUT WITCHMAN WAS JEALOUS--
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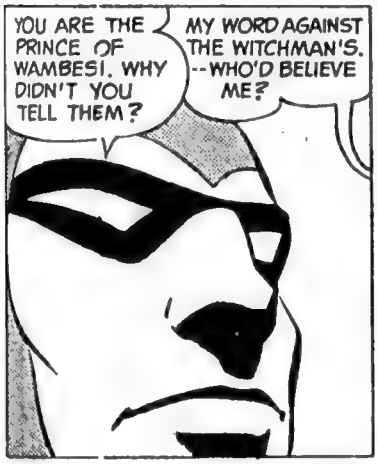
"WITCHMAN PRETENDED TO BEFRIEND LADY NURSE--I WATCHED. I WAS CURIOUS--"

"I SAW HIM POINT OUT A TARGET TO HER--"

"TARGET WAS MOOGOO--BUT SHE DID NOT KNOW!"

YOU SAW THE WITCHMAN POINT OUT THAT TARGET?
YES, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE TO STOP THE RIOT. ALMOST A MASSACRE--


YOU ARE THE PRINCE OF WAMBESI. WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THEM?
MY WORD AGAINST THE WITCHMAN'S. --WHO'D BELIEVE ME?

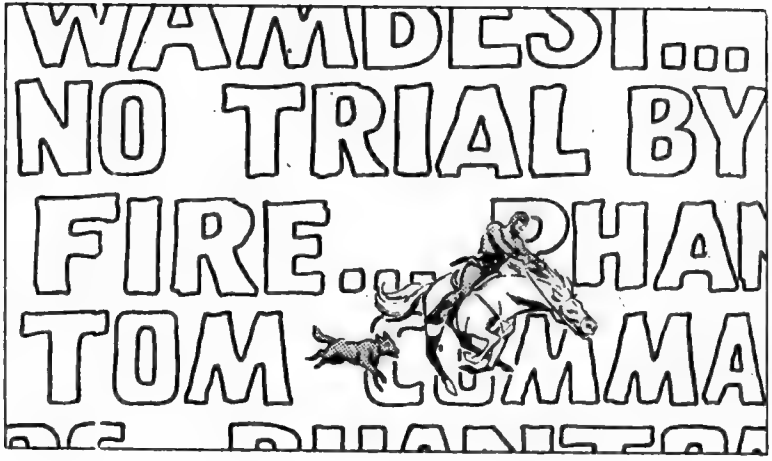
LADY NURSE AND DOCTORMEN STILL UNHARMED--BUT THEY FACE TRIAL BY FIRE!
WHAT? WHEN?

DIANA FACES TRIAL BY FIRE? WHEN?
TOMORROW --SUNSET.

LUAGA-- WHAT IS TRIAL BY FIRE?
I-- DON'T KNOW--
HE KNOWS--

THAT NIGHT, A HAPPY CONCLAVE OF WITCHMEN ATOP BALD PEAK!
WAMBESI BROTHER --YOU DID WELL TO STOP THE FOREIGN DEVILS--
--WHO CHALLENGED OUR POWERS!
YES--TOMORROW WILL FINISH THEM!

DRUMMER--SEND THIS MESSAGE--
"WAMBESI--NO TRIAL BY FIRE--PHANTOM COMMANDS."


WAMBESI... NO TRIAL BY FIRE... PHAN TOM COMMA

WAMBESI... NO TRIAL BY FIRE... PHANT COMMANDS.

WHY WAS THIS MESSAGE DELAYED A WEEK?
AH, ME!--I USED THE NEW CHIMP--BOBO--

BOBO LEFT HIS ROUTE TO PURSUE A LADY CHIMP IN THE WOODS, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

EXCEPT FOR THAT ROMANTIC MAILMAN, I'D HAVE SEEN DIANA A WEEK AGO-
BUT THERE'S STILL TIME--

VILLAGE AFTER VILLAGE PICKS UP THE MESSAGE--
WAMBESI... NO TRIAL BY FIRE... PHANTOM COMMANDS...
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--AND IT SPREADS THROUGH THE JUNGLE--
WAMBESI... NO TRIAL BY FIRE... PHANTOM COMMANDS.....

--FINALLY REACHING THE WAMBESI AND DIANA!
WAMBESI... NO TRIAL BY FIRE... PHANTOM COMMANDS...

AS THE TOM-TOM MESSAGE REACHES THE WAMBESI--
WAMBESI--NO TRIAL BY FIRE --PHANTOM COMMANDS--
?
?
HIT YOUR DRUMS--ALL OF YOU--
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THE MESSAGE IS DROWNED OUT-!

THAT WAS--A PHANTOM MESSAGE --FROM DEEP WOODS!
YOU HEARD NOTHING! MOOGOO COMMANDS!

WHY ALL THAT-- RACKET?
I DON'T KNOW.

I USED TO KNOW THE DRUM CODES--THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT TRIAL--PHANTOM--
?

PHANTOM?
--AN ANCIENT WORD FOR A JUNGLE DEITY KNOWN AS PHANTOM--

DEITY? HE'S A MAN! HE'S MY-MY--FRIEND!

THERE IS A PHANTOM! KIRK--
REMEMBER--YOU ASKED ME TO MARRY YOU--
YES, DEAR--NOW RELAX--

--I TOLD YOU THERE WAS ANOTHER MAN? THAT IS THE MAN--THE PHANTOM!
HMM-- YES--

HE'LL SAVE US--
WHAT IS PHANTOM?
SUPERSTITION --A MAN WHO CANNOT DIE--

THE STRAIN'S TOO MUCH FOR HER--
I KNOW-- BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?

I HOPE MY MESSAGE REACHED THE WAMBESI -- TO STOP THE TRIAL BY FIRE --

BUT THE WITCHMEN ARE TRICKY--

HE SEARCHES FOR CERTAIN LEAVES--
I'D BETTER MAKE SURE--

-- WHICH HE FINDS. WHY?
--JUST IN CASE.

DON'T WORRY, DR. LUAGA. THE PHANTOM WILL REACH US IN TIME--
YES--OF COURSE--
?

SHE'S GETTING WORSE--I'VE NOTHING TO CALM HER WITH--
SUNSET IS NEAR--THEN THE TRIAL BY FIRE--

LUAGA, WHAT IS THE FIRE TRIAL? TELL ME.
--AND MAKE HER HYSTERICAL, KIRK?

SHE'S ASLEEP. I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT WE FACE.

--AN ANCIENT METHOD OF DECIDING GUILT OR INNOCENCE--
I KNOW. BUT HOW?

AS THE SACRED IRONS HEAT UP..

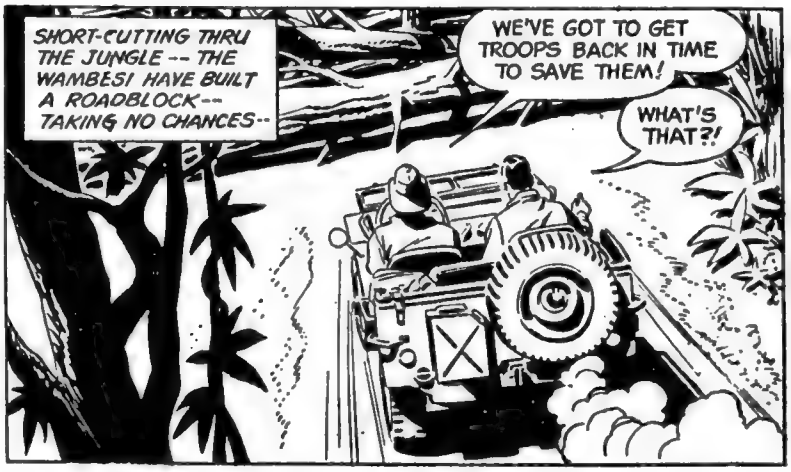
ACCEPT THESE BARS OF IRON, O MOOGOO--

ANCIENT TRIAL BY FIRE TO DETERMINE INNOCENCE OR GUILT. SEE THOSE IRONS--?

THEY'LL BE WHITE-HOT. WE'LL HAVE TO HOLD ONE IN OUR HAND--
!

IF THEY BURN US -- THAT MEANS WE'RE GUILTY AND MUST DIE--
OH!
BLAST-- I THOUGHT DIANA WAS ASLEEP. SHE HEARD--

HOW CAN WE HOLD THOSE BURNING IRONS AND NOT BE BURNED-- AND THEREFORE-- GUILTY?
WE CAN'T--


SHORT-CUTTING THRU THE JUNGLE -- THE WAMBESI HAVE BUILT A ROADBLOCK-- TAKING NO CHANCES--
WE'VE GOT TO GET TROOPS BACK IN TIME TO SAVE THEM!
WHAT'S THAT?!

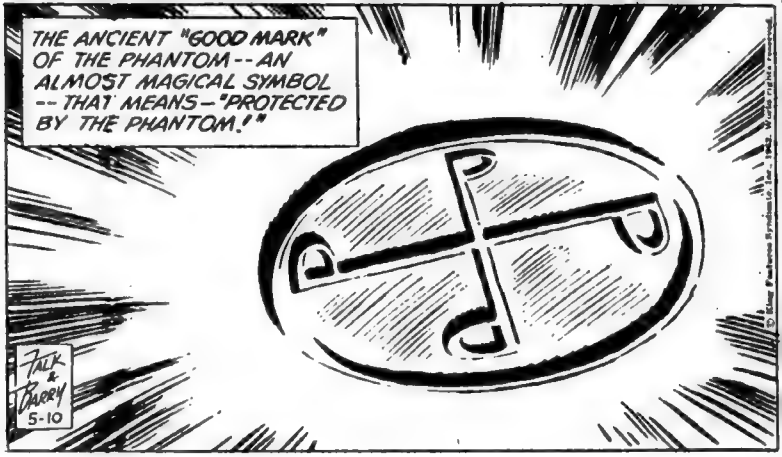
WHAT IS IT-- TREES BROKEN BY A STORM?
NO! ROADBLOCK!

KILL DEVIL DOCTORMEN!

STOP!

WHAT MEANS THIS, MEN OF WAMBESI?
WITCHMAN SAID-- KILL FOREIGN DEVILS!

THERE WILL BE NO KILLING! I PUT MY MARK UPON THIS.


THE ANCIENT "GOOD MARK" OF THE PHANTOM -- AN ALMOST MAGICAL SYMBOL -- THAT MEANS -- "PROTECTED BY THE PHANTOM!"
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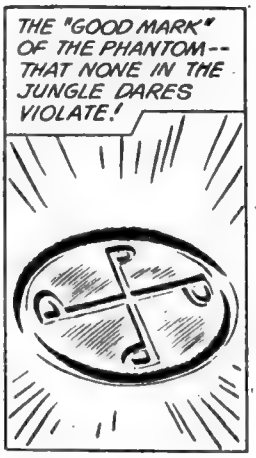
WHO IS HE?
WHAT'S THAT MARK ON THE HOOD? IT MEANS -- SOMETHING -- TO THEM!


THE "GOOD MARK" OF THE PHANTOM -- THAT NONE IN THE JUNGLE DARES VIOLATE!

YOU ARE WITH THE U.N. MEDICAL TEAM?
YES, SIR! AND WHO -- ARE YOU?

YOUR FRIEND. WHERE IS THE GIRL, DIANA PALMER?
IN THE VILLAGE. THEY DIDN'T GET AWAY -- WE HAD NO WEAPONS --

LEFT -- DIANA AND DR. KIRK AND DR. LUAGA WERE SURROUNDED BY A HOWLING MOB --
THE LAST WE SAW AS WE
LOOK -- THERE'S ANOTHER --!
HE IS PRINCE OF WAMBESI -- FRIENDLY TO YOU.
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OUR ONLY HOPE IS THE OTHER CAR OF DOCTORS THAT GOT AWAY -- IF THEY CAN RETURN WITH HELP -- IN TIME --

THAT CAR'S GOT TO GET THRU! IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE! UH --
GIVE UP HOPE -- FOOLS --

-- WE STOPPED THE OTHER CAR. ALL ARE DEAD. NOW COMES YOUR TURN!

DO NOT LEAVE THE JUNGLE, DOCTORS. YOU ARE NEEDED HERE TO STOP THE EPIDEMIC.
RETURN WITH THIS PRINCE TO WAMBESI VILLAGE AND HAVE NO FEAR.

GOOD MARK OF PHANTOM. NONE DARE TOUCH YOU NOW.
THEY DIDN'T TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THIS IN MEDICAL SCHOOL.

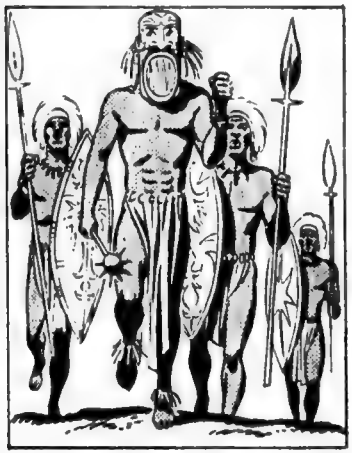
THE OTHER DOCTORS WILL BRING HELP IN TIME, I'M CERTAIN!
THE PHANTOM WILL SAVE US--
NOW, DIANA--

KIRK, YOU THINK I'M RAVING! THERE IS A PHANTOM!
IF I COULD ONLY GET YOU OUT OF THIS. WHATEVER HAPPENS--

--I WANT YOU TO KNOW I LOVE YOU--I HOPED YOU'D FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT ME--

THEY'RE COMING FOR US NOW--!
HE'S GOT TO COME! OH--HURRY--

TRIAL BY FIRE!



THESE PEOPLE CAME FROM FAR AWAY TO HELP US--FREE THEM! PUT ME ON TRIAL!
NO, LUAGA--
ALL THREE! COME!

LUAGA--CAN WE TRY TO MAKE A BREAK--?
IMPOSSIBLE--

GREAT MOOGOO, TELL US BY TRIAL OF FIRE IF THE FOREIGN DEVILS ARE GUILTY OF SACRILEGE--
--AND MUST DIE-- OR IF THEY ARE INNOCENT.
IT'S NOT REALLY HAPPENING! I'LL WAKE UP--!
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WHITE-HOT!

THAT IRON'S WHITE HOT! HOW CAN HE TOUCH IT?
I DON'T KNOW--
MAYBE IT'S NOT-- REALLY-- HOT--

BUT IT IS REALLY HOT!

BE JUDGED FIRST! YOU SHOT THE ARROW!
NO!

MAKE HER TAKE THE IRON!
NO: HER-- US!

AS DIANA STRUGGLES--
NO-- NO--!

THE MEDALLION FALLS OUT OF HER BLOUSE-- THE "GOOD MARK" OF THE PHANTOM!
!!
THE PHANTOM --MARK--!

SHE WEARS THE PHANTOM'S MARK! NO HARM CAN COME TO HER!

MOOGOO GREATER THAN PHANTOM! MOOGOO COMMANDS TRIAL BY FIRE! TAKE THIS IRON!

DIANA WASN'T RAVING! THERE IS A PHANTOM!
BUT- WHAT IS HE?

STOP!!
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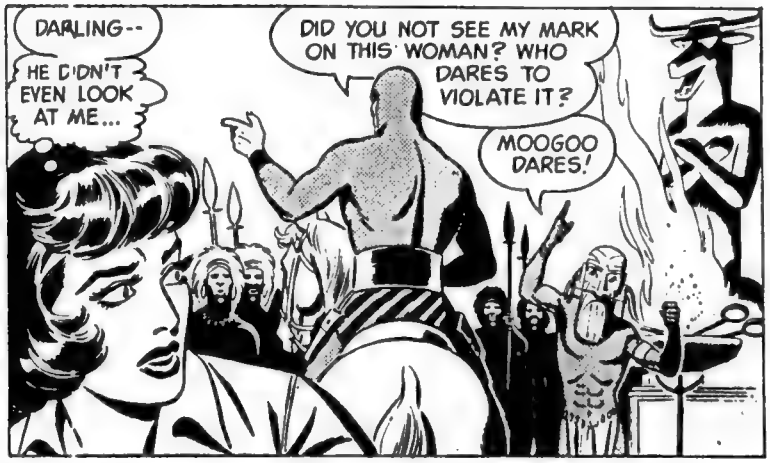
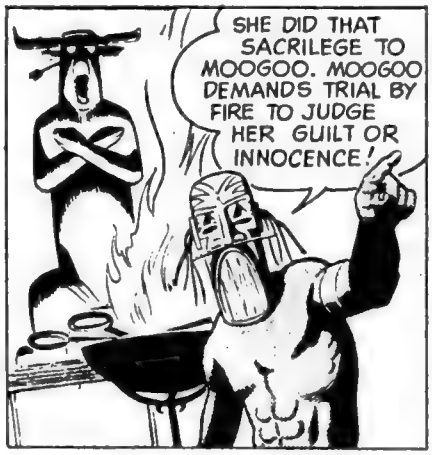
I KNEW HE'D COME!
PHAN-TOM-- PHAN-TOM.


DARLING--
HE DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT ME...
DID YOU NOT SEE MY MARK ON THIS WOMAN? WHO DARES TO VIOLATE IT?
MOOGOO DARES!


SHE DID THAT SACRILEGE TO MOOGOO. MOOGOO DEMANDS TRIAL BY FIRE TO JUDGE HER GUILT OR INNOCENCE!

EVEN YOU, GHOST WHO WALKS, WILL NOT DEFY MOOGOO. IS THIS NOT YOUR TRADITION?

TRUE. THE PHANTOM DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH RELIGIOUS RITUAL. IF MOOGOO COMMANDS, SHE WILL FACE TRIAL BY FIRE.
?
WHAT IS HE SAYING?!
HE'S SAYING --GO AHEAD-!

--AS NEW ARRIVALS REACH THE VILLAGE GATES!
THERE THEY ARE!

STUNNED--SHE STARES AT HER SWEETHEART SINCE CHILDHOOD--
YOU WANT ME TO--
IT MUST BE DONE.

HE IS LIKE A STRANGER--STONY AND COLD--
COME!

--AND HE PRESSES SOMETHING INTO HER HAND.
DO NOT BE AFRAID. IF YOU ARE INNOCENT MOOGOO WILL FIND YOU SO.
?
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THE PHANTOM IS WISE IN THE WAYS OF WITCHMEN--SUCH AS THE PAD--
COURAGE.
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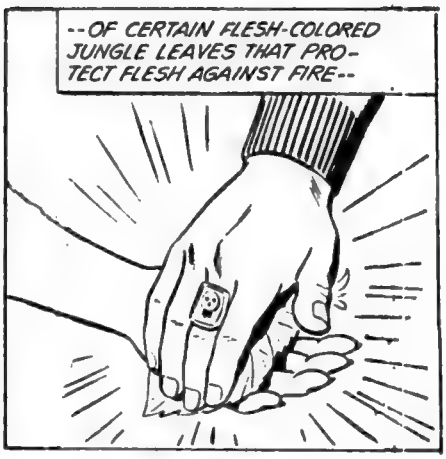
--OF CERTAIN FLESH-COLORED JUNGLE LEAVES THAT PROTECT FLESH AGAINST FIRE--

THE WITCHMAN SEES THIS--BUT CAN SAY NOTHING--HE'S GOT THE SAME KIND OF PAD IN HIS HAND!
!!(GRRR)!
TAKE THE WHITE-HOT IRON. LET MOOGOO REVEAL YOUR INNOCENCE.
NO--!
WAIT--!

PROTECTED BY THE HIDDEN PAD IN HER HAND, DIANA TAKES THE WHITE-HOT IRON!
HE KNOWS! HE GAVE HER A PAD--I CAN SAY NOTHING--LEST HE REVEAL--THAT I ALSO--

ALL WATCH--AMAZED--
UH--! HOW--?
!
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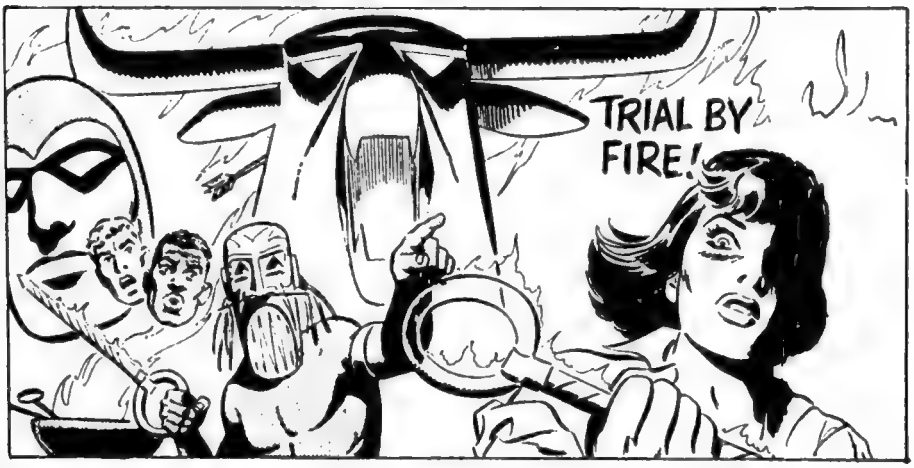

TRIAL BY FIRE!

UNNOTICED, THE PHANTOM TAKES THE PAD FROM DIANA'S HAND--
WHEW!
WELL. DONE, DIANA.

SEE--NO BURN! MOOGOO HAS DECLARED HER INNOCENT!

THAT IRON WAS WHITE-HOT! HOW--?
SHH-- WAIT-- OUR TURN NEXT--!

THE WITCHMAN IS BOILING MAD!
HE SAW THE PAD TRICK--
I'LL GIVE HIM NO CHANCE TO HELP THE OTHERS!

--BUT CANNOT REVEAL IT-- BECAUSE HE USES A HIDDEN PAD HIMSELF!

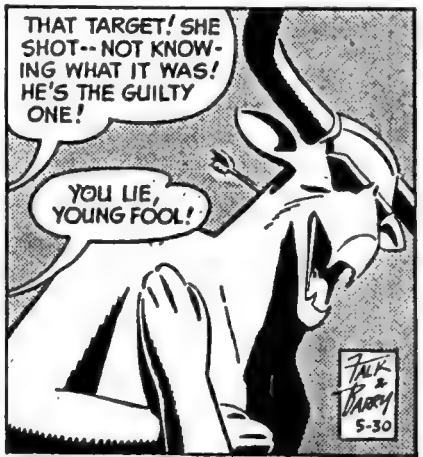
TAKE--NOW YOU WILL BE JUDGED!

STOP! IT IS NOT THEM BUT YOU, WITCHMAN, WHO WILL BE JUDGED NOW!

MOOGOO IS TO JUDGE ME? I— WHO AM HIS HIGH PRIEST?

LET YOUR PRINCE TELL HIS STORY OF THAT ARROW, PEOPLE OF WAMBESI.

I SAW WITCHMAN AS HE POINTED OUT A TARGET FOR LADY IN THE WOODS--


THAT TARGET! SHE SHOT--NOT KNOWING WHAT IT WAS! HE'S THE GUILTY ONE!
YOU LIE, YOUNG FOOL!
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YOU TRICKED HER INTO SHOOTING THAT ARROW.

YOU LIE!

MY SON DOES NOT LIE! LET MOOGOO DECIDE WHO LIES.

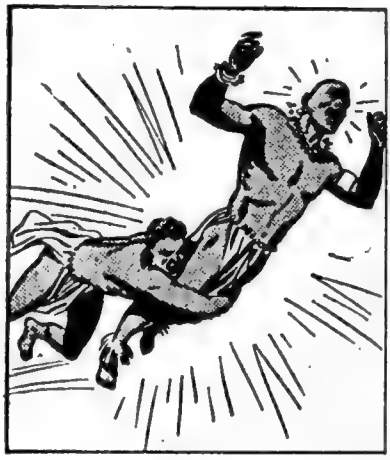
YOU TAKE THE TRIAL BY FIRE, WITCHMAN!
VERY GOOD. AND THEN-- YOUR SON, MIGHTY KING!

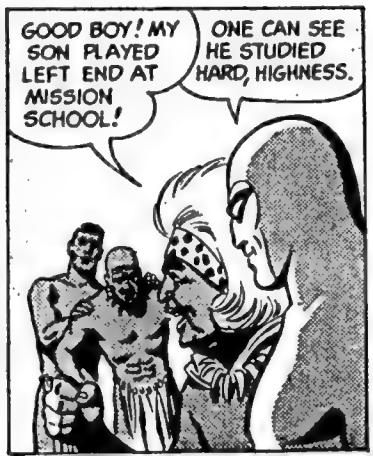
THE PHANTOM TAKES AWAY THE WITCHMAN'S HIDDEN PROTECTIVE PAD!
LET ME SHAKE YOUR HAND--WITCHMAN --AND WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!
!

UNSEEN BY THE OTHERS, THE PHANTOM TAKES AWAY THE WITCHMAN'S PROTECTIVE HAND PAD--
GO AHEAD, WITCHMAN. TRIAL BY FIRE. YOUR IDEA!

GO AHEAD, WITCHMAN!

NO--NO--!




GOOD BOY! MY SON PLAYED LEFT END AT MISSION SCHOOL!
ONE CAN SEE HE STUDIED HARD, HIGHNESS.

THIS WAS YOUR IDEA, WITCHMAN. LET MOOGOO JUDGE. TRIAL BY FIRE!
IF YOU BURN, YOU DIE!

NO--I CANNOT! IT IS A TRICK! TELL THEM IT IS A TRICK!

TELL THEM -- WHY I CANNOT TOUCH THE HOT IRONS!
BECAUSE IT IS A TRICK.

YOU ALL KNOW THE TOUGH LEAVES OF THIS JUNGLE VINE. WHEN POUNDED INTO A PAD--

--THEY PROTECT FLESH AGAINST THE HOT IRON. ALL WITCHMEN USE THIS TRICK. THE GIRL USED IT--

WAMBESI, A HOT IRON BURNS INNOCENT AND GUILTY ALIKE.
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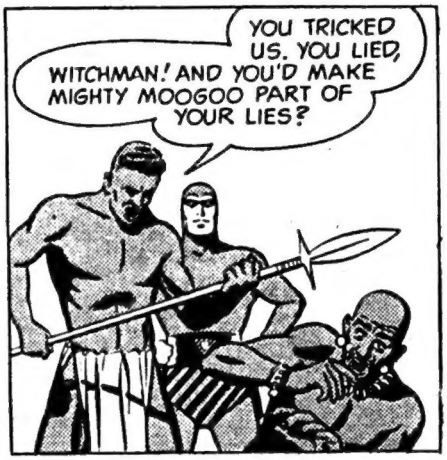
YOU TRICKED US. YOU LIED, WITCHMAN! AND YOU'D MAKE MIGHTY MOOGOO PART OF YOUR LIES?

STRIKE HIM DEAD, MIGHTY MOOGOO!
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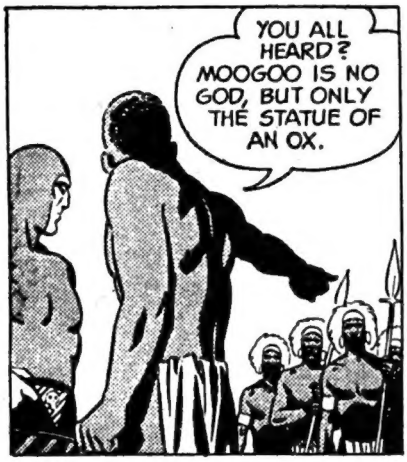
WHY DOES MOOGOO NOT ANSWER, GREAT PHANTOM?
TELL THEM THE TRUTH.

HE CANNOT, PRINCE OF WAMBESI. YOUR OX-GOD IS NO GOD -- BUT ONLY THE STATUE OF AN OX.

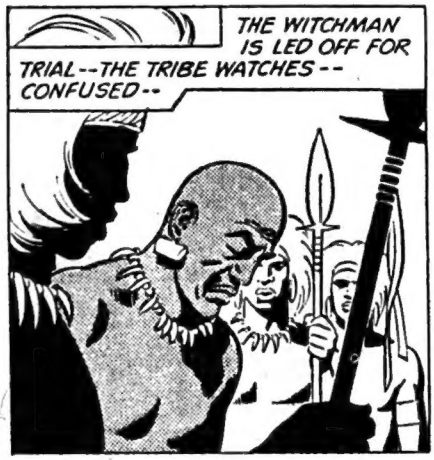

YOU ALL HEARD? MOOGOO IS NO GOD, BUT ONLY THE STATUE OF AN OX.

IT IS NOT FITTING THAT WE WAMBESI SHOULD WORSHIP SUCH A THING --

THE TRIBE STARES -- STUNNED AND CONFUSED BY THEIR BOLD PRINCE!
NOW -- WHO WILL SAY THAT I, PRINCE OF WAMBESI, HAVE DONE WRONG TO BREAK THIS STATUE OF AN OX?

YOU DID A BRAVE THING TO DESTROY THAT IDOL, PRINCE.
I WAITED LONG FOR THIS CHANCE.

I AM A MODERN MAN. SCHOOL-TRAINED. I HATED THIS OX IDOL. NOW--THE TIME HAS COME-- THANKS TO THE LADY NURSE.
THANKS-- TO ME?


THE WITCHMAN IS LED OFF FOR TRIAL--THE TRIBE WATCHES-- CONFUSED--

REUNION IN THE JUNGLE!

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT I'M REALLY SEEING YOU.
YOU'VE BEEN A BUSY GIRL HERE, DIANA.

SEE WHAT YOU DID WITH YOUR LITTLE BOW AND ARROW? TOPPLED AN IDOL, AND MORE-- TOPPLED A WITCHMAN.
GEE! AND I WAS JUST PRACTICING.

--AND AN EPIDEMIC STILL RAGING IN THE JUNGLE. YOU CAME HERE TO DO A JOB, DOCTORS--

TENTS AND COTS BURNED --SUPPLIES WRECKED--
WE'VE NOTHING TO WORK WITH.
WHAT DO WE DO NOW? THERE ARE STILL SICK PEOPLE HERE.

HE'S RIGHT. THEY NEED US.
SO WE'LL GET NEW SUPPLIES--
--AND START AGAIN!

WE'RE GOING BACK FOR SUPPLIES, DIANA. WE'LL BE GONE A WEEK. WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAIT HERE FOR US?
WOULD I EVER?
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FOR YOUR CRIMES, WITCHMAN, FIVE YEARS HARD LABOR. MANY WANTED YOUR LIFE. MY SON ASKED FOR THE LIGHTER SENTENCE.

THRU-OUT THE JUNGLE, THE WITCHMEN TREMBLE--THEIR PRESTIGE DAMAGED--
WITCHMAN. PHOOEY!

GOODBYE, DIANA--SEE YOU HERE IN A WEEK. GOODBYE, UH--
WHAT DOES ONE CALL HIM?
GOODBYE--
GOODBYE--I'LL BE HERE.

THAT WAS HARD FOR YOU, KIRK. THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT HER--
NO TEARS, LUAGA. SHE'S WITH HER MAN--

THRU THE JUNGLE ON HERO, THE GREAT STALLION--

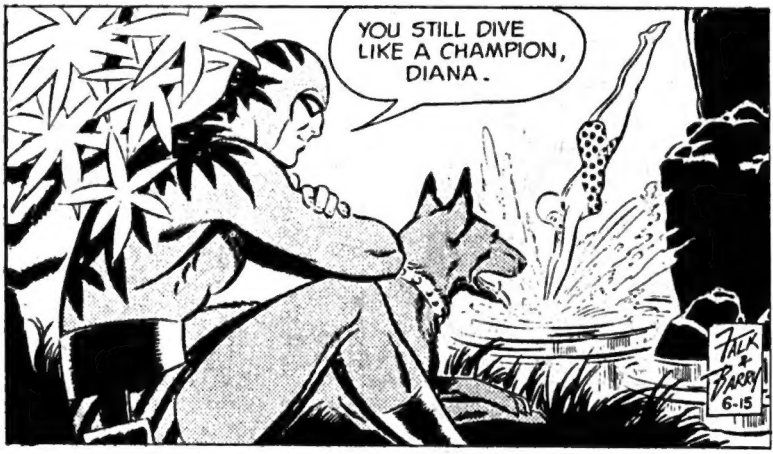
PHAN-TOM. PHAN-TOM.
TOMORROW: WONDERFUL WEEK

THRU THE SECRET ENTRANCE INTO THE DREADED DEEP WOODS--HOME OF THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE--

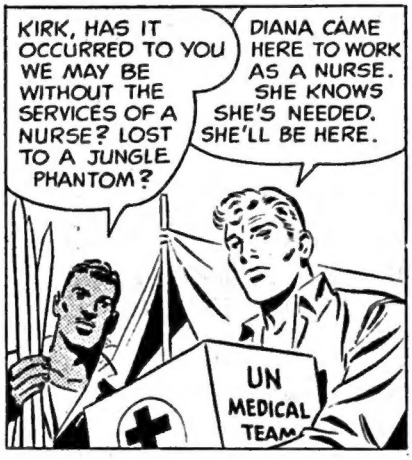
--AND THE FABULOUS SKULL THRONE OF THE PHANTOM!
DEVIL--GURAN--OH, HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN!
LADY DIANA HAS COME HOME. IT IS GOOD.

A GLORIOUS WEEK IN THE JUNGLE--

DOES BOBO REALLY BRING YOU MY LETTERS?
YES. YOUR LAST MESSAGE WAS DELAYED. THIS ROOKIE MAILMAN GOT SIDETRACKED BY A JUNGLE SIREN.
TALK & BARRY 6-14


YOU STILL DIVE LIKE A CHAMPION, DIANA.
TALK & BARRY 6-15

OH, DEAR--IS THE WEEK UP SO SOON? I HATE TO LEAVE--


KIRK, HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU WE MAY BE WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF A NURSE? LOST TO A JUNGLE PHANTOM?
DIANA CAME HERE TO WORK AS A NURSE. SHE KNOWS SHE'S NEEDED. SHE'LL BE HERE.
UN MEDICAL TEAM

HOW I HATE TO LEAVE--ALL OF YOU--BUT I CAME HERE TO WORK--
--AND WORK YOU MUST. BUT YOU WILL RETURN TO US, DIANA

SHE'S BACK!

GOOD LUCK. GOOD WORK. IF YOU NEED ME, I WILL COME.
YOU CAN BET ON THAT!